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Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING BIOMASS
YIELD OF LACTIC ACID BACTERIAL
CULTURES
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 6, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

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